

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. **10/615,775**
Response filed March 20, 2006
Reply to OA dated February 1, 2006

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6 and 10-26 are pending in this application. Claims 1-4 and 10-26 are allowed. An amendment is proposed herein canceling claim 6 without prejudice or disclaimer and amending claims 17 and 21. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-4 and 10-26 will be pending. Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the rejection are respectfully requested.

No new matter is introduced by this Amendment. The amendments to claims 17 and 21 only correct minor typographical errors.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. (Office action paragraph no. 5)

Claim 6 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, the claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

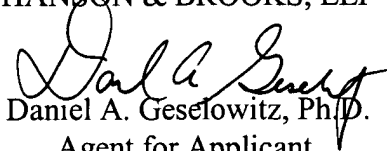
If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned agent at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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